

through the fair price depots, Government will have to purchase in the same market and if Government enters the same market, the prices will again shoot up and no purpose will be served by this purchase. There is no stock whatever of these grains. Whatever stocks are available in our area are being distributed by the merchants and the market for these grains is open. Therefore Government does not intend to purchase ragi and jola from the market and sell them through fair price depots.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I know whether it is not a fact that ragi and jola are being sold by private dealers and whether it is not a fact that the Prevention of Hoarding and Profiteering Act is in force in our State and whether it would not be desirable for Government to purchase ragi and jola and sell them at subsidised rates through fair price depots?

Mr. SPEAKER.—There should be only one question at a time.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Will Government purchase ragi and jola and sell them at subsidised rates?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—No, because that will not serve any purpose and money will be simply wasted.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Will it not bring down the prices of foodgrains?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—How can it bring down the prices?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಹದಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ನಲ್ಲ ಜೋಳ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಎಷ್ಟು ಫೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈಸ್ನು ಡಿಪೋಲಿಗವೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಪಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಜೋಳ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವುದೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri GAJANAN PANDIT.—Have fair price depots been opened in South Kanara District?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಫೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ಡಿಪೋಲಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದುದಲ್ಲ.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Is it a fact that Government is not supplying at subsidised rates the wheat supplied by the Government of India?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The Government of India itself is subsidising wheat and rice. So the question of the State Government subsidising them again does not at all arise. The rates which are fixed in the fair price depots are quite reasonable.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Taking over Hospitals by Government in South Kanara District.

Q.—156. Sri B. R. KARKERA (Surathkal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they intend to take over the hospitals in South Kanara District to be managed and conducted by the Government direct rather than leaving them in the hands of the District Board whose finances do not permit a proper and efficient management of the same?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Health).—

This will be examined.

Maladministration in the Civil Station Co-operative Society.

Q.—247. Sri K. KENCHAPPA (Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that maladministration and malpractice were reported in the affairs of the Civil Station Co-operative Society, Ltd., situated in Bangalore Corporation area;

(b) whether any arrangement was made to enquire and report about it;

(c) the action taken on the report if the same has been submitted?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The enquiry report has been received and is under scrutiny.